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Parks levy brings renovations; new responsibilities

City assumes O.O. Denny Park operations; initiates plans for Waverly Beach and Edith Moulton renovations and funds interim trail construction on Cross Kirkland Corridor

With the passage of the parks levy (Proposition 2), just months on the books, the Parks & Community Services Department is taking on new responsibilities while planning for the enhancements of several of its parks.

Beginning April 1, 2013, the City assumes maintenance and management responsibilities for O.O. Denny Park. The City Council unanimously approved an interlocal agreement between the City of Kirkland, City of Seattle, and the Finn Hill Park and Recreation District (FHPRD).



The Parks & Community Services Department takes over maintenance of O.O. Denny Park on April 1, 2013.

Existing FHPRD operating reserve funds may bring a new children's playground, irrigation upgrades, trail and restroom renovations, parking improvements, and/or more picnicking amenities in 2013.

The FHPRD was formed when Finn Hill residents voted to approve a property tax levy that provided for maintenance of the Park, which is named after its first owner, Orion Orvil Denny. After his death in 1916, Denny's widow willed the park to the City of Seattle. King County Parks managed the Park until the FHPRD assumed maintenance.

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2035 | YOUR VOICE.
YOUR VISION.
YOUR FUTURE.

GET WITH THE PLAN!

The City wants you to imagine Kirkland in the year 2035.

As part of its update to the Comprehensive Plan, Kirkland leaders will be engaging neighbors, business owners, community groups and students in planning Kirkland's future. You are encouraged to share **your voice, your vision, and your future.**

Learn more on pages 4-5!



NE 85th Street Corridor Improvement Update

Utility Poles

BEFORE



AFTER



◀ Nearing completion: removal of utility wires and poles on NE 85th Street from 120th Avenue NE to 128th Avenue NE

www.kirklandwa.gov/85thStreet

124th Sidewalks

BEFORE



AFTER



◀ Nearing completion: sidewalks on 124th Avenue NE from NE 80th to NE 90th Street includes new road surface on 124th Avenue NE south of NE 85th Street


HAVE FUN HAVE RESPECT

Have an opinion about the impact of the boat noise ordinance?

In response to community concerns, the City enacted a boat noise law in June 2012 which has been noted by local residents, boaters, and law enforce-



ment as having a positive impact. We want to know what you think. Take an online survey at www.kirklandwa.gov/watercraftsafety by April 15, 2013.



SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2013

PETER KIRK COMMUNITY CENTER
352 KIRKLAND AVENUE
10 am - 2 pm

VIVA VOLUNTEERS FAIR!
Learn about awesome volunteer opportunities:
Health • Education • Public Safety
Housing • Arts • And more

Complimentary Snacks & Drinks

Door Prizes





Hot Topic Speakers and Celebrity Emcees

Cooking Demos

• Free Admission •

For more information: 425-822-3737

"Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not." - Dr. Seuss

Event Info: www.kirklandwa.gov/seniorcouncil



Cross Kirkland Corridor Update: From Interim Trail to Master Plan

The City has selected a contractor to remove the rails and ties on the Cross Kirkland Corridor making way for construction of an interim trail. The engineering firm KPG, Inc. (Seattle, WA) has been selected to design the interim trail. Design and environmental work will be completed this spring/summer, with trail construction beginning this fall. Construction is expected to be complete in early 2014. The City has received almost \$3 million in state and federal grants to design and construct the trail.

Making the Corridor available for use as quickly as possible to serve the transportation needs of Kirkland is in keeping with the interests identified by the community, Transportation Commission, and the City Council.

"There is tremendous enthusiasm for making this spectacular resource available quickly," notes City Manager Kurt Triplett. "We've heard this from our citizens and we're responding."

The City will host a community celebration soon to celebrate the start of the construction of the trail and the Corridor Master Plan. Information will be available about other master plans that relate to the Corridor's future. To receive event information, subscribe to the Corridor email notification at www.kirklandwa.gov/crosskirklandcorridor.

A consultant team has been selected to coordinate the Master Plan process which will be led by the [Transportation Commission](#). For more information, contact David Godfrey, Public Works, at 425-587-3865 or dgodfrey@kirklandwa.gov.

Features of the Cross Kirkland Corridor Interim Trail

- All-weather new crushed gravel surface within the existing rail bed (rails & ties removed)
- Trail extends from 108th Avenue NE (south end) to 132nd Avenue NE (north end); 5.75 miles
- Compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
- Improved road crossings where needed
- New signs and markings at street crossings
- Railing or fencing where required for safety or to protect sensitive areas
- Modifications to existing railroad trestles, as required, for safe and accessible pedestrian passage

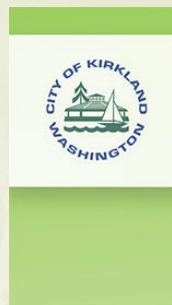
FOR PROJECT UPDATES,
including construction alerts and community events,
go to www.kirklandwa.gov/crosskirklandcorridor
and subscribe to receive email notifications

Parks Levy

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Additionally, efforts to develop a long-range renovation plan for Waverly Beach Park begins later this spring. A consulting firm will be selected to help assess and prioritize park improvements, and the Park Board will seek suggestions from park users. A first phase of park improvements (\$500,000) was funded by the 2012 parks levy and construction could begin as early as the fall of 2014.

In addition, the park levy funded creation of a master plan for Edith Moulton Park, a mostly undeveloped 26-acre park property in the North Juanita neighborhood. Transferred to the City by King County as part of the 2011 annexation, Parks staff and the Park Board will be working in collaboration with interested citizens on a plan to guide decisions



on future site improvements and enhanced stewardship of the park's important natural resources. Initial improvements would be completed in following years. Total budget for the project is \$1 million for planning and construction.

The parks levy also contributes \$500,000 toward the cost to construct the Cross Kirkland Interim Trail. (See "Cross Kirkland Corridor" above).

For parks levy project updates, visit www.kirklandwa.gov/parkslevy



Comprehensive Plan Update:

Forward Thinkers Wanted to Imagine Kirkland's Future

Update and Master Plans offer many opportunities for civic engagement

The next time you're at a city park, ask yourself how you want to experience it in 20 years. When you're taking a walk near your house, think how you want your neighborhood to be in the year 2035. During your work commute, consider what transportation options you would prefer to have over the next 20 years. Consider yourself a futurist of sorts and participate in the City's update to its Comprehensive Plan and other long range master plans where you will begin to imagine the most important characteristics of Kirkland 2035.

The Comprehensive Plan is the blueprint for the community and answers important questions about how Kirkland will grow and change in the future. For instance, how will Kirkland accommodate the anticipated growth in the number households and people working in Kirkland come 2035?

A document that has grown from a 37-page manuscript in 1963 to a plan that now contains more than a dozen "chapters" and thousands of pages, the Comprehensive Plan is due for an update as required by the State's Growth Management Act. The City is launching an extensive and robust public involvement program to capture the perceptions and perspectives of those who live and work in Kirkland.



"Neighbors, business owners, community groups, and students are needed to participate in the City's most important conversation," encourages Mayor Joan McBride. "The more voices heard the better we achieve the Kirkland we all want 20 years from now."

In addition to updating the Comprehensive Plan, the City is developing new long range plans for transportation, the Cross Kirkland Corridor, surface water management and parks, recreation and open spaces. Long-range renovation plans will begin this year for Waverly Beach and Edith Moulton Parks. (See Parks Levy, page 1)

"These plans are all interconnected and what we hear about the future of our parks, transportation and environment will ultimately feed into the Comprehensive Plan," notes McBride.

The City will use multiple means of communications to engage people who live and work in Kirkland to educate, communicate and encourage involvement.



TAKE SURVEY

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Survey: How do you want to participate in Kirkland's future planning?

I am a Kirkland • resident • business • property owner • other _____

The following statements best describes me

I • never • occasionally • often participate in the City's long range planning efforts.

I have participated in (circle all that apply)

- Community visioning
- Comprehensive Plan update and/or amendments
- Neighborhood planning
- Park planning
- Other _____

I would be willing to attend public involvement activities if (circle all that apply)

- Topics affect me directly
- Childcare was provided
- Convenient time and location of meeting was provided
- Translation services were available
- Other _____

I want to participate in the following initiatives (circle all that apply)

- Comprehensive Plan Update
- Transportation Master Plan
- Parks, Recreation & Open Space Plan
- Surface Water Master Plan
- Cross Kirkland Corridor Master Plan
- Edith Moulton Park Renovation Plan
- Waverly Beach Park Renovation Plan
- Totem Lake Park Master Plan
- NE Juanita Drive Corridor Plan
- 100th Avenue Corridor Plan

I would use the following to express my views on these initiatives (circle all that apply)

- Attend a workshop
- Online Survey
- Online discussion (e.g. blog)
- Comments by email
- Mail-back survey
- Focus group
- Discussion at standing group meeting
- Write letter
- Public comment at a city meeting
- Other _____

Let your voice be heard.

Cut out and mail Kirkland2035/Kirkland City Hall
this survey to us: 123 Fifth Ave, Kirkland, WA 98033

Take this survey
online: www.kirklandwa.gov/kirkland2035

Use your smart phone and
QR code scanner app to fill
out the survey online.

Survey deadline: April 30, 2013



Pet Owners Rejoice! Pet license amnesty is here



If you haven't already purchased a new license or renewed an existing license for your pet(s), now is the time. An amnesty period is in effect from now through April 30, allowing pet owners to purchase or renew licenses without facing a fine for non-compliance. All dogs and cats over 8 weeks of age in Kirkland are required by law to be licensed.

The amnesty period expires at the end of the day on April 30, and starting May 1, Kirkland residents who have unlicensed cats or dogs could face a fine of \$125 for a spayed or neutered pet, and up to \$250 for an unaltered pet. The cost for pet licenses for spayed or neutered animals remains unchanged at \$30, along with the \$60 rate for unaltered pets.

Residents can purchase pet licenses in person at many locations in King County including Kirkland City Hall, QFC grocery stores, and Eastside Auto License, as well as online at www.kingcounty.gov/pets. Pet licenses are renewed annually and are good for one year from the date of purchase. Juvenile licenses expire six months from the date of purchase. Discounts are available for disabled and senior residents, as well as for those with juvenile pets up to 6 months old.

RENEWAL REMINDERS

The Kirkland Police Department has started an automatic calling system to remind Kirkland pet license holders to renew. Around the third week of each month, calls will be automatically dialed and a recording will remind pet owners whose license are about to expire to renew. Phone numbers are provided to the City by Regional Animal Services of King County.

Study shows “best practices” in City’s development services

A recent extensive study of the City’s development services functions acknowledges many “best practices” and offers suggestions for improvement. Development Services reviews and approves permits and performs inspections for all construction projects in Kirkland and includes staff from the Planning, Fire and Building and Public Works departments. The report, which was produced by Zucker Systems, acknowledges that while there is no Development Services Department, the functions are well supported through interdepartmental teams from the three departments. The report compliments the City’s “joint permitting system, joint performance standards and coordinated development activities” and recommends that services be provided from one inte-

grated public counter. The study suggests the need for additional staff or consultants to meet the growing demand for services and recommends a “single point of contact” for permit applicants. The study also recommends that the City’s Zoning Code be reformatted for ease of use and understanding and that the City continue to find more ways to provide online permit applications and review. The report was commissioned in 2012 as part of the City Work Program. Staff will be preparing an implementation plan but have already begun implementing a number of the suggested changes. It is anticipated that many of the recommendations will be implemented as part of the [2013-2014 City Work Program](#). For more information on the study, contact Marilynne Beard at 425-587-3008 or mbeard@kirklandwa.gov.



Recent study shows “best practices” in Kirkland’s development services.



Reverse 9-1-1 “Call Back” system helps disseminate urgent information

Last November, a 73-year old resident of a Kirkland assisted living center was reported missing prompting an immediate request for help from the Kirkland Police Department to the media and public to find him. The resident suffers from dementia and there was great concern about his welfare. As part of the Department’s public information efforts, an automated voice mail message was sent from the City’s 9-1-1 Dispatch Center to Kirkland residents. The message was activated through a software program called Community Telephone Emergency Notification System, sometimes called “Reverse 9-1-1.” The missing person was spotted by a Seattle resident and safely reunited with his family.

The Reverse 9-1-1 system is activated through the Northeast King County Regional Public

Safety Communications Agency (NORCOM) which is a regional dispatch center for several police and fire agencies in King County, including Kirkland. The system allows for a city-wide notification or can target specific phone numbers in a designated area. The system has the potential to reach thousands of phone numbers within a fairly short period of time.

The software program pushes out a pre-recorded message giving emergency instructions to whoever receives the message. The message will begin with “This is the Kirkland Police Department...” Because the call is initiated from NORCOM which is located in Bellevue, WA, the prefix is not Kirkland-based.

“In the case of the missing elderly man, it was important to send the message as soon as he was reported missing,” notes Lt. Mike Murray.

“Unfortunately that meant citizens received the recording after midnight.” Murray hopes citizens now have a better understanding why the alert was issued through the phone system.

To learn more about NORCOM and the Reverse 9-1-1 system it uses or to add, update, or delete your phone number, go to www.norcom.org.



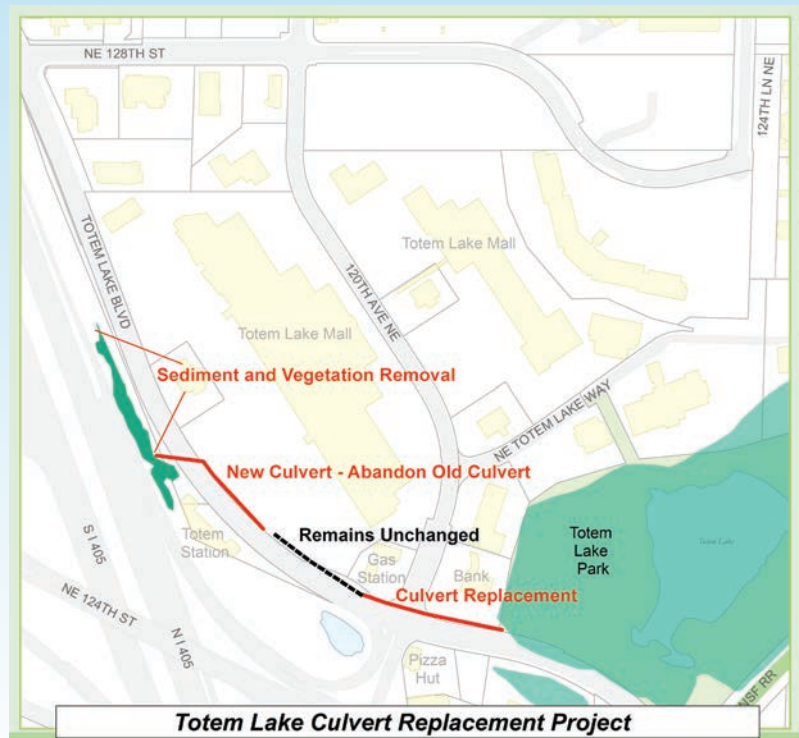
City continues to mitigate flooding in Totem Lake

Culvert replacement, drainage channelization, and sediment removal begin in May

If you’ve ever driven on Totem Lake Boulevard during heavy rains, you know that flooding sometimes causes road closures or makes the drive difficult. As part of its efforts to revitalize the Totem Lake Business District, the City continues to make progress with the flooding in Totem Lake. Aging sections of a culvert along the Boulevard near 120th Avenue NE will be replaced.

The existing culverts convey water from Totem Lake and are at the end of their service life. The drainage channel on the west side of the Boulevard, between the road and I-405, will also be modified to improve drainage. Removing sediment and vegetation in the drainage system will reduce flooding.

Construction is planned to begin in May and wrap up in October. There will be some night work and road closures (120th Avenue NE at Totem Lake Boulevard) as the culvert is trenched across 120th Avenue NE. Project information can be found at www.kirklandwa.gov by searching “Totem Lake Twin Culvert Replacement.”



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MONTHLY CITY MEETINGS

MONDAY

Design Review Board* 1st & 3rd Monday · 7 p.m.
Youth Council* 2nd & 4th Monday · 6:45-8:30 p.m.
Houghton Community Council* 4th Monday · 7 p.m. (Agenda/Packet online)

TUESDAY

City Council* 1st & 3rd Tuesday; Study Session · 6 p.m.
..... Regular Meeting · 7:30 p.m. (Agenda/Packet online)
Civil Service Commission* 2nd Tuesday · 4 p.m.
Senior Council 2nd Tuesday · 5:30 p.m. (Peter Kirk Community Center)

WEDNESDAY

Park Board* 2nd Wednesday · 7 p.m.
Transportation Commission* 4th Wednesday · 6 p.m. (Agenda Packet Online)
Library Board 3rd Wednesday · 6 p.m. (Alternates between
Kirkland and Kingsgate Libraries)
Cultural Arts Commission* 3rd Wednesday · 4 p.m.

THURSDAY

Parking Advisory Board* 1st Thursday · 7:30-9:30 a.m.
Tourism Development Committee* 1st Thursday · 9-10 a.m.
Planning Commission* 2nd & 4th Thursday · 7 p.m. (Agenda Packet Online)

MEETS AS NEEDED

Human Services
Advisory Committee Call: 425-587-3322
Neighborhood Association meeting information:
www.kirklandwa.gov/neighborhoods.

* Meetings held at Kirkland City Hall, 123 5th Avenue

- Special meetings may be scheduled; regular meetings may be cancelled.
- Agenda/Packets are posted to the City's website at www.kirklandwa.gov. Search the name of the board/commission.

IMPORTANT CITY PHONE NUMBERS

Kirkland City Hall

123 5th Avenue, Kirkland, WA 98033 425-587-3000

City Council & City Manager's Office 425-587-3001
City Clerk's Office/Public Records 425-587-3190
Building Department 425-587-3600
Fire Prevention 425-587-3650
Planning & Community Development 425-587-3225
Public Works Department 425-587-3800
Finance & Administration 425-587-3100
Business License 425-587-3140
Utility Billing 425-587-3150
Human Resources 425-587-3210
(505 Market Street, Kirkland)
Municipal Court 425-587-3160
(11515 NE 118th Street, Kirkland)
Parks & Community Service 425-587-3300
North Kirkland Community Center 425-587-3350
Peter Kirk Community Center 425-587-3360
Parks Maintenance 425-587-3349
Public Works Maintenance (24 Hour) 425-587-3900

Other Numbers to Know

Animal Control (King County) 206-296-7387
Cable TV Comcast: 1-800-266-2278
..... Frontier Communications: 1-877-462-8188
Electric/Gas: Puget Sound Energy 1-888-225-5773
Garbage/Recycling: Waste Management, Inc. 1-800-592-9995
Phone Service Comcast: 1-800-266-2278
..... Frontier Communications: 1-877-462-8188
..... Qwest: 1-800-475-7526
School District: Lake Washington School District 425-702-3200
Transit King County Metro 1-800-542-7876
..... Sound Transit 1-800-201-4900
Vehicle Registration: Washington State
Dept. of Licensing, Kirkland Office 425-828-4661
Voter Registration: King County Elections 206-296-8683

For Police, Fire & Medical Emergencies..... Call 9-1-1
Police Non-Emergency..... 425-587-3400